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From a Weekly Journal, May 3.

THEY write from Paris, that several of the Plenipotentiaries are arriv'd at Soissons, and we are told there has been one Conference; but we don't take upon us to say the Peace is any thing nearer.

Our Letters from the North take notice, That Ships are equipping in several of the Russian Ports, probably to exercise the Seamen as usually.

London, May 5. On Wednesday last was celebrated a very remarkable Wedding, viz. the Widow Moore, of Peterstreet, Claremarket, upwards of 76 Years of Age, and said to be a great Fortune, was join'd in Wedlock to Henry Thornton, an Irish Tailor, who kept a Stall in Stanhope-street. A Constable was sent for to keep to keep the Peace, they being so crowded by the Mob who attended upon the Nuptials.

Great Numbers of People go to Fulham, to see the new Bridge building there: Last Week several Press-gangs had the Curiosity to go thither, and brought away a greater Company than they carried with 'em; at length a Quarrel arose betwixt them and some Watermen and young Fellows, &c. who were learning to build Bridges; the Sailors met with a worse Treatment than they gave the Spaniards, having been beaten and put to the Flight. We hear some Merchants intend to move the Board of Admiralty to have these resolute Fellows search'd for, and not only press'd, but made *Officers*; because, say they, it would be greatly for the Advantage of Trade, to have *Fighting Men in Command.*

Gloucester, April 26. Our City is in perfect Health as usual; but the Country round us is very sickly; in one Family but 1 was left out of 9; and not above Mile distance from hence, 3 Corpses, Father, Son and Daughter, were brought here altogether to be buried last Sunday, and the Man's Wife died not long before. The Physicians are of Opinion, that the Smoke keeps the Distemper from the Town.

From the Daily Post-Boy, May 3.

Vienna, April 27. Upon the Arrival of an Express from Constantinople to the Turkish Consul at this Place, we have a flying Report that the Grand Signor is dead.

Paris, May 6. The celebrated Poet *Voltaire* is hard at Work upon the History of Charles XII. King of Sweden, which will vastly exceed that of Puffendorf.

From the London Gazette, May 3.

Hague, May 10. The 6 Men of War which the Admiralty of Amsterdam is to furnish towards the Squadron design'd for the Baltick, has pass'd the Pampus, and are taking in their Guns and Stores, in order to proceed with the rest of th' Ships of that Squadron towards the End of this Month. The States continue their Assembly here.

The States General having lately caused a Complaint to be made to Count de Zinzendorf, the Imperial Minister, that Deserters from their Troops garison'd in their Barrier Towns, take Sanctuary in the Churches or Convents, where they are protected, has returned an Answer to that Complaint by a Memorial to their H. Mightinesses.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, May 6.
Since our last arrived the Mails due from Holland and France.

WE are to add to the Accounts given in our last touching the Affair of Mr. Bambrige, That he being brought again to Day to the Bar of the House of Lords, several more Witnesses were examined and cross examined for the Bill to disable him from exercising the Office of Warden of the Fleet: All of them upon Oath, as these were the Day before, declared, That they never heard of any Irons being in the Fleet Prison before H[illegible] and Bambrige acted as Wardens.

That the Irons made Use of for Captain [illegible] pheadras, Captain Sinclair, on Mr. Read[illegible]

thers, were borrowed at Newgate, and ſome of the heavy ones uſed for the worſt of Criminals: Their Lordſhips were for having the ſaid Irons produced to the Houſe; but as they were returned back to Newgate among ſo many others, they could not be poſſibly ſworn to.

It appeared that in the Caſe of Mr. Read, when he was like to dy by Means of Irons, from the Danger of his Legs mortifying, the heavy Irons were taken off, but a Horſe-Lock was put about one Leg, and chained down by it; That upon Complaint made to the Court of Common Pleas, Orders came from the Lord Chief Juſtice Eyre to redreſs thoſe Grievances; which were for a while obeyed, but afterwards diſobeyed, even in Term time, by Order of the ſaid Bambrige; who attempted to prove the Neceſſity of making Uſe of Irons, for Riots and Tumults; but it availed very little, and his own Evidence ſeemed to bear very hard againſt him, particularly in relation to Captain Markpheadras's Effects, to the Value of ſeveral Thouſand Pounds, being loſt after his Confinement in the Dungeon, and Bambrige taking Poſſeſſion of his Room. After Examination of Witneſſes, Mr. Reeves and Mr. Marſh, the King's Council obſerved, that it had been better for Mr. Bambrige not to have oppoſed the Bill, but rather to have been for its paſſing, becauſe his Crime ſeemed to deſerve worſe Treatment from the Legiſlature, than what is intended by this Bill; which their Lordſhips took Yeſterday to their Conſideration; and ſeveral Things appearing therein very inconſiſtent, their Lordſhips ordered the Judges forthwith to withdraw into the Committee Chamber and draw a new Bill; which was accordingly done, preſented and read twice; which not only diſpoſſeſſes him of his Office, but alſo gives him no Conſideration Money for the ſame, as the other Bill did; and by a Motion of the Duke of Argyle, a Clauſe was added, to diſqualify him from ever acting as an Attorney or Solicitor. In a Committee on the inſolvent Debtors Bill made ſeveral Ammendments, and inſtead of an unlimited Sum, have altered it to *L.* 500 owing to any one Perſon; and the Clauſe excluding any Perſon who has received any Benefit by any former Bill or Commiſſion of Bankruptcy, from receiving any Benefit by this, entirely left out. To Day the Lords agreed to the Report of the ſaid Bill, paſſed that for preventing Bribery and Corruption in Elections, voted an Addreſs to his Majeſty, for an Accompt of the neat Produce of the ſeveral Branches of the Civil-Liſt Revenues, from Midſummer 1727, to Ditto 1728, to be laid before them.

The Time for his Majeſty's Departure for Hanover, is ſaid to be fixed for the 28th of this Month. Sir Charles Wager is not ſet out, but 'tis aſſured will in a few Days for Portſmouth, to ſail with his Squadron for the Mediterranean. The Officers belonging to the Squadron, attended the Admiralty to Day, and received Orders to ſet out to Morrow. The King of Spain has not given his final Anſwer; 'tis ſaid 6000 Land Forces are to go on Board the 10 Men of War equipping out at Cadiz.

Mr. Pitt, Receiver of the Cuſtoms at Portſmouth, is taken into Cuſtody for writing the Letter in the London Journal of the 26th paſt, complained of by the Biſhop of London.

From the Daily Poſt Boy, May 6.

Vienna, April 26. Several Conferences have been lately held at Prince Eugene's; and all the Imperial Officers are ordered to their reſpective Poſts, it appearing impolitick to rely upon the fair Speeches of the Turks, eſpecially under their new Prime Viſier, at a Time when all our Letters from Hungary continue to magnify their warlike Preparations on theſe Frontiers; and no Body pretends to know their real Deſigns, or to ſay on what Side the Storm will fall. On the other hand, 'tis certain that the pacifick Grand Signor is in a bad State of Health, if not actually dead; ſo that our Peace with the Ottomans may happen to prove but ſhort-liv'd.

Hamburg, May 6. Letters from Petersburg ſay, that they have received the joyful News, that at laſt the Czar had declared he would return to Petersburg about the End of May.

Rome, April 23. Private Letters from Benevento adviſe, that the Pope, who is 75 Years old, is not in a perfect State of Health, yet would not be diſſwaded from aſſiſting at all the Services in the Cathedral. The Cardinals have been to compliment the Chevalier de St. George upon the Recovery of his 2d Son.

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Vienna, April 30. Mr. Brevier, Secretary to our Embaſſy at the Court of Spain, arrived here Wednesday laſt from Cadix. We cannot penetrate into the Occaſion of his Journey; but we hope he has brought Remittances for a good Part of the Subſidies due to his Imperial Majeſty; the Spaniſh Cash being deep in Arrear, and the three Electors who keep Troops on foot for the Service of th' Emperor, growing uneaſy and clamorous for the Subſidies.

Paris, May 11. Letters from Seville of April 19 adviſe, That 6000 Land Forces are to go on board the 10 Men of War equipping at Cadix; but they do not ſay whither they are bound.

On Friday laſt the Queen was let blood by way of Precaution.

The new Levies are carried on with a great deal of Succeſs.

The King was indiſpoſed a few Days ago. Some ſay his Majeſty will take a Tour to Liſle before he returns to Verſailles.

An Expreſs from Rome went through this Place on Friday laſt for Compeigne, whereupon a Rumour inſtantly prevailed that the Pope was dead; but the Nuncio here knows nothing of it to this Minute: So that this Report ſeems knock'd o' the Head.

Of equal Credit is the Letter from Italy, which mentions the Death of an Engliſh Duke nam'd Hamilton, without any other Circumſtances. No body here believes it.

Amſterdam, May 13. The Ship of Nicolas Lorme is arrived here from Scotland.

Briſtol, May 3. Here is arrived the *Speedwell*, Capt. Paps, and the *Phœnix*, Capt. Gordon, in 8 Weeks from Jamaica; both adviſe, that they had Account juſt before they came away, that a Ship from Briſtol was taken by the Spaniards.

London, May 6. We hear that his Majeſty will ſet out from St. James's on his Journey to his German Dominions, upon Saturday the 17th of May inſtant.

And we hear that the Parliament will riſe this Day ſennight.

From the St. James Evening-Poſt, May 6.

Vienna, April 30. 'Tis ſaid that the Court has lately received Advice by an Expreſs from Paris, That the Court of Spain has promiſed to that of France, to accept of the Proviſional Treaty lately communicated to that Court; That the Court of France has actually imparted it to G. Britain, with an Aſſurance at the ſame time, that Gibraltar and Portmahon are to remain for ever to the Crown of G. Britain; That the Engliſh ſhall have Freedom of Trade, as before, both to Spain and America; and that the Treaty of Commerce concluded in the Year 1678 between Spain and G. Britain, ſhall be re-eſtabliſhed.

As every Article of this is to be wiſh'd, for the Happineſs and Tranquillity of Europe, we wiſh to have it confirmed.

London, May 6. They write from Turin of the 23d of April, That the Body of the Troops that is to be ſent into Sardinia is to conſiſt of 4000 Men, who are to be commanded by the Marquis de Suſa; and that there is ſo good a Harmony between the Courts of France and Spain, as gives much Jealouſy to ſome Potentates.

There is to be a Call at the Pay-office in Broad-ſtreet, for upwards of 30 Sail of Men of War, beſides Yatchts, Fireſhips, &c. on Monday the 19th Inſtant.

Extract of a Letter from Jamaica, Feb. 10.

Capt. Leecroft arrived a few Days ago from Rio de la Hach, and ſays he ſaw there ſeveral Dutchmen who did belong to 2 Ships from Amſterdam, one of 36 and the other of 28 Guns; who acquainted him that they had been taken by 2 Spaniſh Men of War which lately arrived from Old Spain, one of 70 and the other of 50 Guns; That they were bound to the River Magdalena, in queſt of 2 others, (and from thence to Carthagena) and it is feared they have taken them alſo; for the Maſter of a Sloop which is ſince arrived, ſays he was chaſed by 6 large Ships off Carthagena, which, by Number and in point of Time, we conjecture to be the ſame.

From the London Evening Poſt, May 6.

Paris, May 9. The Expreſs we expected from Spain with the final Reſolutions of that Court, as well concerning the Indulto, as the Negociations of Peace, is not yet arrived.

London, May 6. Eight Sail of Men of War will be

be put in Commission the latter End of this Week or the Beginning of next, as a Convoy to his Majesty.

Edinburgh, May 12. On Saturday last a Committee of 12 Ministers and 8 Ruling Elders were appointed to sit, to further consider of Mr. Simson's Case, who are this Day to make their Report to the Venerable Assembly.

Tomorrow (the 27th Day of the Moon) it is High Water at Leith at 11 o' Clock, 6 Minutes. On Wednesday, at 11, 54 Min. On Thursday, at 12, 42 Minutes.

New Moon on Friday at 10 at Night.

Haddington, May 9, 1729.

Best Wheat,	11 05 00.	2d, 10 14 00.	3d, 10 06 00
Best Bear,	09 00 00.	2d, 08 16 00.	3d, 08 10 00
Best Oats,	08 00 00.	2d, 07 16 00.	3d, 07 06 00
Best Pease,	07 16 00.	2d, 07 10 00.	3d, 07 4 00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

To the Students of the Law.

¶†¶ ALEXANDER BAYNE, Professor of the Municipal Law, gives Notice, That upon Wednesday the 4th of June next, he is to begin his Prelections on the CRIMINAL LAW, at the Hour of Three in the Afternoon, in the Hall in Niddry's Wynd, where he uses to teach; and begs the Gentlemen, who intend to be his Hearers, to meet him there upon Munday the Second at the same Hour.

¶ That upon Tuesday the Third of June next, there is to be exposed by way of voluntary Roup, upon the Mains of Castle-Lyon, lying within the Parish of Longforgan, and Sheiffdom of Perth, a considerable Number of Horses and Mares of the best Kinds, young and old, some of them fit for Hunting and Riding, and others for Coaches and Carts: AS ALSO, a considerable Number of Cows and Calves, all of them of a large Size, and of the finest Kinds; And likewise several young Bulls of the biggest Dutch and English Kind. Any Person that inclines to buy, must either pay the Price offered by him in ready Money, or find sufficient Security therefore, payable against Martinmas next; and in Case of his paying ready Money, he is to have a discount of five per Cent of the Price offered.

†¶† There is to be exposed to Sale, by way of voluntar Roup, a GRANARY and YARD in the Town of Dumbar, belonging to Sir Robert Sinclair of Stevenston, on Tuesday the 27th of May next. Enquire at Clerk FALL, or at Mrs. FALLS their Compting-house in Dumbar; where you may be fully informed anent the same.

¶†¶ By Order of Mr. James Graham Senior Advocate, Arbiter appointed by the Submission betwixt the Representatives and Creditors of the deceast Mr. JOHN OGILVIE, late Baillie of the Regality of Coupar in Angus, These are to give Notice, that several of the Creditors have produced their Interests and Claims of Debt in the Hands of William Forbes Clerk to the said Submission; and that he is to proceed and determine in the Matters submitted, immediately after the 5th Day of June next, and will prefer those whose Interests and Claims are already, or shall be given in betwixt and the said 5th Day of June, according to their respective Grounds of Preference; hereby certifying all those who shall neglect to give in their Claims, with their Grounds of Debs, to the said Clerk, at the said Mr. James Graham's Lodging in Edinburgh, betwixt and the said 5th Day of June; That he, pursuant to the Power given him by the said Submission, will pronounce Certification against them.

¶¶ Upon Friday the 13th Day of June next, within the House of James Mayer, Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 of the Clock in the Afternoon, The Lands and Barony of AYTON, lying within the Parochine thereof, and Shire of Berwick, within Three Miles of that Burgh, holding Blanch of the Crown: Is to be sold by Way of voluntary Roup, in whole, or in Parcels. The Progress of Writs, Rental, and Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. Alexander Pitcairn of Woodhouslie, Writer to the Signet, at his House and Chamber, 3d Story of the new Land to the fore Street, at Liberton's Wynd-head, or with the Countess of Hume, Proprietrix of the saids Lands, at her House in Caldstream: Or if any has a-mind to purchase the said Barony, or any Part thereof, before the Roup may give in their Proposals to the said Mr. Pitcairn. N. B. The Lands are very improveable, having a large Muir, a well paid Rent, and not raised for a great Number of Years, and Tacks not given to the Tenants at least above 3 Years in View of a Sale for the Purchasers Encouragement.

[¶] There is a very fine STONN'D HORSE, six Years old, Dark-bay, with a Snip in his Face, to serve Mares, at Methven, within 3 Miles of Perth, at Half-a-guinea, and Half-a-Crown to the Groom, each Leap.

¶¶ That the good Ship, SUSANNA of YARMOUTH Burden 150 Tons, Captain Samuel Rich, now lying at Port Seton, will be ready to sail the 14th instant for London; has all Conveniency and Accommodation for Passengers of all Ranks. The Master (who sets no Passenger a-shore when at Anceor or otherwise) is to be spoke with at Walter Davidson's, at the White Horse in the Canongate Foot; At Michael Watson's in Leith, or at Mr. Douglas's in Port-Seton.

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